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Inventor(s): Douglas W. Morck et al.

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DIFFUSE LAMELLAR KERATITIS**

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 11/05/2002 as extended by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension, kindly amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 13 through 37 without prejudice to the filing of one or more divisional applications.

Cancel claims 2, 3 and 9-12.

Replace claim 1 with the following amended claim 1:

B1
1.(Once Amended) An apparatus for reducing outbreaks of aseptic inflammations of the eye resulting from eye surgery comprising a sterilizer for sterilizing medical instruments with steam comprising a housing containing a steam generator supplied by a dispensing pump and a sterilization container for containing said medical instruments, and further